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## Senate committee passes gun license bill

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The state's fees to obtain and renew handgun licenses are among the highest in the country, but a bill passed by the Senate on Monday seeks to reduce these costs.

Senate Bill 16, sponsored by state Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, proposed a \$40 license to carry fee, which is \$100 less than the current cost. Additionally, the bill sets a \$40 annual renewal fee, \$30 less than it is now. While the bill passed in a 26-5 vote, senators raised concerns about the bill's impact on an already limited budget.

The Senate's proposed budget of \$106.3 billion, which passed unanimously out of the finance committee Wednesday, is significantly lower than the \$209.4 billion budget adopted at the end of the last legislative session. While committee chair-

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## Tribune CEO discusses fake news

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Facts used to be prevalent, but according to The Texas Tribune CEO Evan Smith during a talk Monday, that's not the case anymore under the current presidential administration.

In 2009, Smith co-founded the Tribune, a nonprofit online publication covering a variety of public policy, political, government and statewide issues.

Smith visited a Plan II civic viewpoints class to share with students his experience in non-partisan journalism and dealing

with fake news.

"Journalism is not advocacy," Smith said. "Journalism is an attempt to find out the truth and tell people what they found."

Smith said fake news is unhealthy and dangerous for democracy by discouraging civic engagement.

"I have a problem with people being told not to trust anyone in the business," Smith said. "Public faith in institutions like the media, Congress and the CIA is being diminished by the second."

Smith offered an example of how journalism converts

data to impactful information. In 2011, the Tribune played a part in prompting former UT Law Dean Larry Sager to resign by exposing a gender pay gap among the school's faculty.

"The information is already there," Smith said. "We just cleaned it up and presented the data in an accessible way. We provide a service to the community by making it more informed and engaged."

In his vision for the Tribune, Smith said he plans to keep the publication nonpartisan as a

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Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Texas Tribune CEO Evan Smith speaks to a Plan II civic viewpoints class on fake news Monday evening.

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Joel Laviolollette, left, Michael Hardin, middle, and Peter Breithaupt play the xylophone as part of a three-piece band called the Kupira Trio.

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## UNICEF creates awareness for clean water with art piece

By Meraal Hakeem  
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Perspiration gathers at her brow as she trudges for miles under the burning Ethiopian sun. Aysha embarks on this long, arduous journey for water every day — water that most times is not even clean.

Texas UNICEF kicked off World Water Week on Monday by telling the story of Aysha, a fictional character that chronicles a typical story of a young girl from Ethiopia and her journey to get clean water, through an art exhibition on the West Mall. Biology junior Marlon Haygood, who is Texas UNICEF's social chair, said the art pieces were made by the club's officers to show the struggles people have to get clean water.

"Usually we do a fair, but this time we decided to be a bit more visual," Haygood said. "The art exhibit just



Courtesy of Brittanie Tran

Texas UNICEF kicked off World Water Week on Monday, which aims to shed light on the struggle to get clean water.

shows the struggle that some people have to go through for something that we can just turn the tap and sort of get."

Psychology freshman Sonnia Patel said the visual aids helped her comprehend a new perspective.

"I think once you actually stop to think about what's going on in other places, it inspires you to think, 'Hey,

what can I do to help those who have something that I have such easy access to?'" Patel said.

Biology sophomore Shannon Tung, Texas UNICEF's advocacy and outreach chair, said the club will also be raising money for UNICEF's Clean Water

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## Rez Week promotes unity through worship

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With hands raised and eyes closed, students gathered in song Monday at the opening event for UT Rez Week.

UT Rez Week is a week-long event of prayer, worship and evangelism. Some of the events include performing artists, speech boards for students to add text to and tents for coffee, food and prayer, open 24 hours.

"We have students from all different ministries on campus come together," said Kevin Ling, director for Campus Renewal at UT. "Our hope is that people will come and engage. If they have questions about Jesus or Christianity as a whole, that's what students are here for."

On this particular evening, the Gateway

Band from Gateway Church played, a student shared his testimony, and Matt Bartgis, a campus pastor from Hillsong, New Jersey, discussed his faith.

"(We use Rez Week) as a demonstration of unity," said psychology senior Paulina Citzman, core team member for Campus Renewal. "We show that we are all equal in front of the cross, that we are all sinners and all in need of somebody to help us out."

The theme chosen for this year's Rez Week was "Perfect Love."

"The theme highlighted that God's love is the only perfect love," biochemistry freshman Daniella Tran said. "For example, a boyfriend or girlfriend can love you, but they can come and

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Wait, how many jellybeans we can snort in two minutes?

RESEARCH

# Study: Black millennials prove more optimistic

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Black and Hispanic millennials are more optimistic toward their futures than their white and Asian counterparts, according to a study released March 20 by the Stan Richards School of Advertising and Public Relations and the Richards/Lerma advertising agency.

The report, which surveyed 200 participants aged 18 to 34 from each race, found that black millennials had the highest faith in hard work, while white participants were the most pessimistic about following their dreams and taking pride in their country.

The report's author, Chaille Alcorn, brand planning director at Richards/Lerma, said the study debunked several common stereotypes about millennials.

"A reasonable person may expect to uncover a sense for despair, apathy or hopelessness in black millennials given the state of race relations in America," Alcorn said in an

email. "We found the opposite. Almost all the findings in this report were striking and defied some commonly held perception and notion out there about each race and ethnicity."

Hispanics were ranked as the most prideful of their country. Fifty-four percent said they were "very proud" to be an American, while only 40 percent of white millennials said they were.

White millennials ranked the highest in pessimism about the American dream and the ability to achieve theirs through hard work, followed by Asian millennials.

Alcorn said the research shows that the stereotype of Asians being a "model minority" is misleading.

"Those labels, although meant to be complimentary, do more harm than anything because they hide their struggle," Alcorn said. "In the survey, Asian millennials expressed many unexpected fears, concerns and racial setbacks similar to their minority counterparts."



**HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH YOUR LIFE?**  
*Any Satisfied (Somewhat-Very)*

Race	Satisfied (%)
Black Millennials	67%
Hispanic Millennials	66%
Asian Millennials	71%
White Millennials	71%

**HOW OPTIMISTIC ARE YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE?**  
*Optimistic or Very Optimistic*

Race	Optimistic (%)
Black Millennials	61%
Hispanic Millennials	54%
Asian Millennials	54%
White Millennials	50%

Courtesy of Richards/Lerma advertising agency

A study conducted by the UT advertising school and Richards/Lerma advertising agency found that black millennials are more optimistic about their futures than their racial counterparts.

Neuroscience sophomore Trisha Gupte said she feels more pessimistic about the idea that hard work can pay off.

"It really depends on the cards you've been dealt," Gupte said. "Hard work isn't always the deciding factor of where someone is going to go in life. The situation that you're born in has an effect, too."

Matthew Eastin, associate professor in the Stan Richards School of Advertising & Public Relations, helped collect data for the study. Eastin said the researchers' main goal was to find nuances in attitudes of millennials, rather than treating them as one large group.

"Millennials are going to have a tremendous amount of population power," Eastin said. "I think the sheer size of them warrants some investigation of a group that have a fairly large influence on society."

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way to combat fake news.

"I hope liberals call us conservative and conservatives call us liberal," Smith said.

Olivia Ling, Plan II and business freshman, reflected on her own experience with fake news.

"There is so much clickbait nowadays I don't even know what to believe anymore," Ling said. "I am especially skeptical of most news stories on social media."

While fake news is a prevalent problem, Ling said she believes there is rarely an absolute truth.

"Statistics are vulnerable to changes depending on pool sizes and sample sizes," Ling said. "When you present information to the public, the process of simplifying complex data can result in diverse interpretations."

Plan II freshman Margaret Siu also said she learned a lot about the journalism industry from Smith's lecture.

"News is a form of storytelling," Siu said. "To claim that the story is false delegitimizes the storyteller as well as the subject."

CAMPUS

# Historian seeks to revive Aztec language

By Eric Vela  
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Marquette University historian Laura Matthew discussed her project to revitalize an Aztec language at a Monday presentation hosted by the Latin American Studies department's Digital Scholarship Workshop.

The project focuses on "Nahuatl," known colloquially as the language of the Aztecs and "Nawat," the El Salvadorian form of the language that evolved from Nahuatl.

Matthew acquired 48 Central American documents from the colonial Spanish period that used the language. The documents were published online, where the transcription is crowdsourced by the public so that it may then be translated by professionals.

While other studies of the language have focused on central Mexico, Matthew's project focuses on Central American areas in Chiapas, Guatemala and El Salvador. There, the language still has forms that are used today, but it is in danger of extinction.

"Central America isn't normally associated with Nahuatl," Matthew said. "We're trying to bring attention to it. The focus in Guatemala is usually on Mayan languages,



Briana Vargas | Daily Texan Staff

Marquette University historian Laura Matthew discusses her project to revitalize the Aztec language of Nahuatl. Matthew's aim is to help keep the indigenous language alive.

as it should be."

The project aims to spread knowledge of the language to keep it from being lost as well as to support outside revitalization efforts, Matthew said.

"I came to learn about the language," said Kiki Naranjo, presentation attendee and El Salvadorian. "I want to help pass it on."

The wide range of knowledge from diverse individuals allows for accurate translations, Matthew said.

Through the translation of these documents, Matthew hopes people will gain a better understanding of Nahuatl.

While there were different forms and dialects of Nahuatl, Matthew said that it's not really possible to separate them into well-defined groups. This aspect of the language makes the efforts to revitalize it more difficult.

The major reason Nahuatl is in danger of being lost is that its speakers are often subject to prejudice, especially in El Salvador, Matthew said. She said that anyone who speaks the language only speaks it privately because they are ashamed to speak it in public.

Because of this, Matthew stressed the importance of teaching the necessity of the language to students. She said there have been recent efforts in El Salvador to teach the language to students of different ages.

"We think of indigenous languages as already being extinct," said Susan Kung, manager of UT's Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America. "These languages are still living. The people are still alive."

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Initiative. The proceeds will be gathered from events throughout the week, including a Potbelly profit share and water volleyball tournament.

"We're accepting

donations, and we're trying to raise money this whole week to give to those who don't have access to clean water, so they can build wells and gain this access," Tung said.

Texas UNICEF decided to initiate World Water Week five years ago in order to educate people about the lack of clean water in underdeveloped countries, Tung said.

"I just hope that people grow just a little bit more conscious about what is going on in the world," Tung said. "Before I joined UNICEF, I wasn't

thinking that I get access to this really clean, really purified water. We can easily drink tap water here in America, but some people in Africa need to travel so far to get water that's not even clean and can get them sick."



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# ‘Dine with a Prof’ links students with faculty

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A University Unions program was launched last month to give students the opportunity to dine with any professor upon request.

“Dine with a Prof” gives students a \$20 voucher to select SAC and Texas Union locations to have a meal with any professor on campus requested through a form on the University Unions website.

Business senior Jackson Clifford, program administrator and chair of University Unions Board of Directors, said he came up with the idea on a college visit to the University of Virginia where he heard about a similar program. In this case, a student could request a voucher or gift card to any one of their off-campus dining facilities.

“(I thought), ‘How could I take an idea that is not completely new and try to implement it here?’” Clifford said. “It was after one of my classes with a really interesting professor that it kind of dawned on me that there is just an amazing amount of faculty here that students really don’t get to tap into their wealth of knowledge.”

Since the program began in early February, about 50 students have signed up to participate, and the budget-wide goal was 54 this semester, Clifford said.

Clifford said the program is not exclusive to specific departments, and University Unions has reached out to several deans’ offices to inform them of the program.

“The purpose and vision is for students to be able to eat with these outstanding faculty members, develop personal relationships that extend beyond the classroom and hopefully benefit their academic and professional careers,” Clifford said.

Philosophy lecturer Nicole Smith went to lunch at Field of Greens in the Union on March 8 with one of her philosophy students. Smith said it was a nice experience, despite the constraints of class schedules and planning.

“The places that are open during the time that you can utilize the services are only during the day, so there’s a bit of constraint, like if you’re teaching classes in the time frame you can sit down to have lunch,” Smith said. “It was somewhat rushed and not as substantive as you might hope, but I thought it was really nice.”

Smith said the lunch was important to have with the female student because the philosophy department has a major problem with recruiting women to study philosophy.

“The program gives a personal outlet outside of office hours,” Smith said. “I think it’s really good for forging those kind of connections and just for creating an environment that breaks down certain hierarchies and fosters a kind of role model relationship that would help benefit the student in a way that wouldn’t by not having it.”

The student could not be reached for comment on this story.

Student body President Kevin Helgren said an inherent divide typically exists between students and faculty members on college campuses, including UT’s.

“I think the program helps to humanize the professors and gives students an opportunity to interact with these very real people in a casual and organic setting,” said Helgren, a psychology and neuroscience senior.

Clifford said University Unions would like to keep the program at a professor level, but one exception for a teaching assistant has been made.

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Carlos Garcia | Daily Texan Staff  
Air Force veteran Mary Jennings Hegar speaks about facing discrimination in the military. Jennings Hegar spoke as part of Orange Jackets’ Week of Women at the Union Ballroom on Monday.

# Air Force veteran shares stories of service, combating discrimination

By Rachel Cooper  
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Air Force veteran Maj. Mary Jennings Hegar told stories Monday from her three tours in Afghanistan about how she faced discrimination as a woman in the military.

The campus event was hosted by Texas Orange Jackets and Campus Events and Entertainment Distinguished Speakers as part of Week of Women, a series of events that seeks to empower women, said event organizer Emily Burns, a Plan II and biochemistry junior.

Hegar encouraged the audience to “fail forward” by never letting failure stop them from pursuing their dreams. What defines personal success can change

throughout your life, Hegar said.

“Everything you do, from sitting in this room, to what classes you take, to conversations you have with people, have a ripple effect, and they do impact the world around you,” Hegar said.

“Don’t turn around and look at your life and say, ‘I should’ve tried that.’ Whether it’s asking someone out on a date, or just going for that career, just remember this.”

Hegar is a UT ROTC alumna and served in the Air Force as a medevac pilot. Hegar was awarded the Purple Heart and was the sixth woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross for her service.

“(Hegar) opened doors to women who want to have the same roles as men

in the military, to stand up for what you believe in, to take a stand on an issue and fight for it,” said event organizer Jorden Meneghetti, Plan II and history senior.

In 2012, Hegar sued the Secretary of Defense on the constitutionality of the Combat Exclusion Policy, which excluded women from military combat positions and was repealed the following year.

“I think she’s incredibly brave for going up against her far superior and fighting for women’s rights in the military,” said Madison Lee, a communication sciences and disorders sophomore. “I think that she has accomplished ... many things and that her combat experience gave her a lot of credibility,

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Don’t turn around and look at your life and say, ‘I should’ve tried that.’  
—Mary Jennings Hegar, Air Force veteran

and her own confidence in herself really helped her.”

Hegar said holding herself to the highest standard, regardless of gender, has contributed to her success, and she encouraged students to do the same.

“Whatever you’re doing, if you’re outside your comfort zone, make sure that you are as competent as possible and hold yourself to the highest degree,” Hegar said.



Students gather for this year’s Campus Renewal’s Rez Week themed “Perfect Love.” The event is 24-hours Monday through Friday this week.

Brooke Crim  
Daily Texan Staff

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go. God’s love will always be there for you.”

The event, held in front of Gregory Gym, was open to any person of any denomination to come and join the crowd. Students, faculty and even other Austinites of different denominations came to the event.

“My senior year I wanted to get closer to my spirituality,” supply chain management senior Jacob Fisher said. “It was an event where God was presented to me, and I decided to go to it. I just felt like it was a good time for me to come, especially because Resurrection Week is coming up, for me to reflect on what I’ve

been doing.”

Campus Renewal, the host of the event, seeks to unite all Christian denominations, according to the organization’s website.

“(The event) was uplifting because I don’t attend church regularly, but I still consider myself a devout Catholic,” Tran said. “This reminded me of God and how I can return to Him.”

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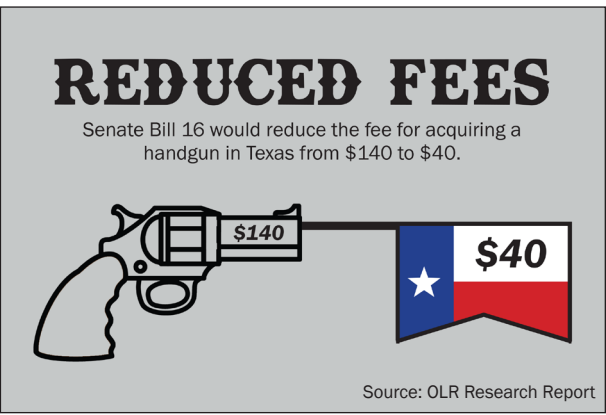
woman and state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said the budget is still a work in progress, the reduced budget limits the amount of additional funds that can be used on new initiatives.

“We’re trying to prioritize where we spend money and where we reduce money,” Nichols said. “The determination is we think it’s important that people have the right to bear arms.”

The new fee rates would decrease the state’s revenue by more than \$15 million in 2018.

State Sen. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston, said she believes SB 16 is inconsistent with the legislative goal of limiting financial implications on bills.

“You’re trying to reduce, but there’s no replace,” Garcia said. “There’s no replacement of this revenue to the state in any other item or



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bill that you’re passing to ensure that we can meet all our needs.”

While Nichols said he agreed with Garcia that legislators should avoid proposing bills that reduce state funds, Nichols said he believes it is vital to pass his proposal this year.

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, said he believes the state charges Texans too much to renew and apply for a handgun license. Watson said he would vote

for the bill under normal circumstances, but could not justify supporting the negative financial impact on the budget.

“During this rough budget time, we’ve been told that we have to prioritize our needs over our wants,” Watson said. “Today, I don’t believe this is a need that we should be prioritizing.”

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# UT must change outlook on sexual assault

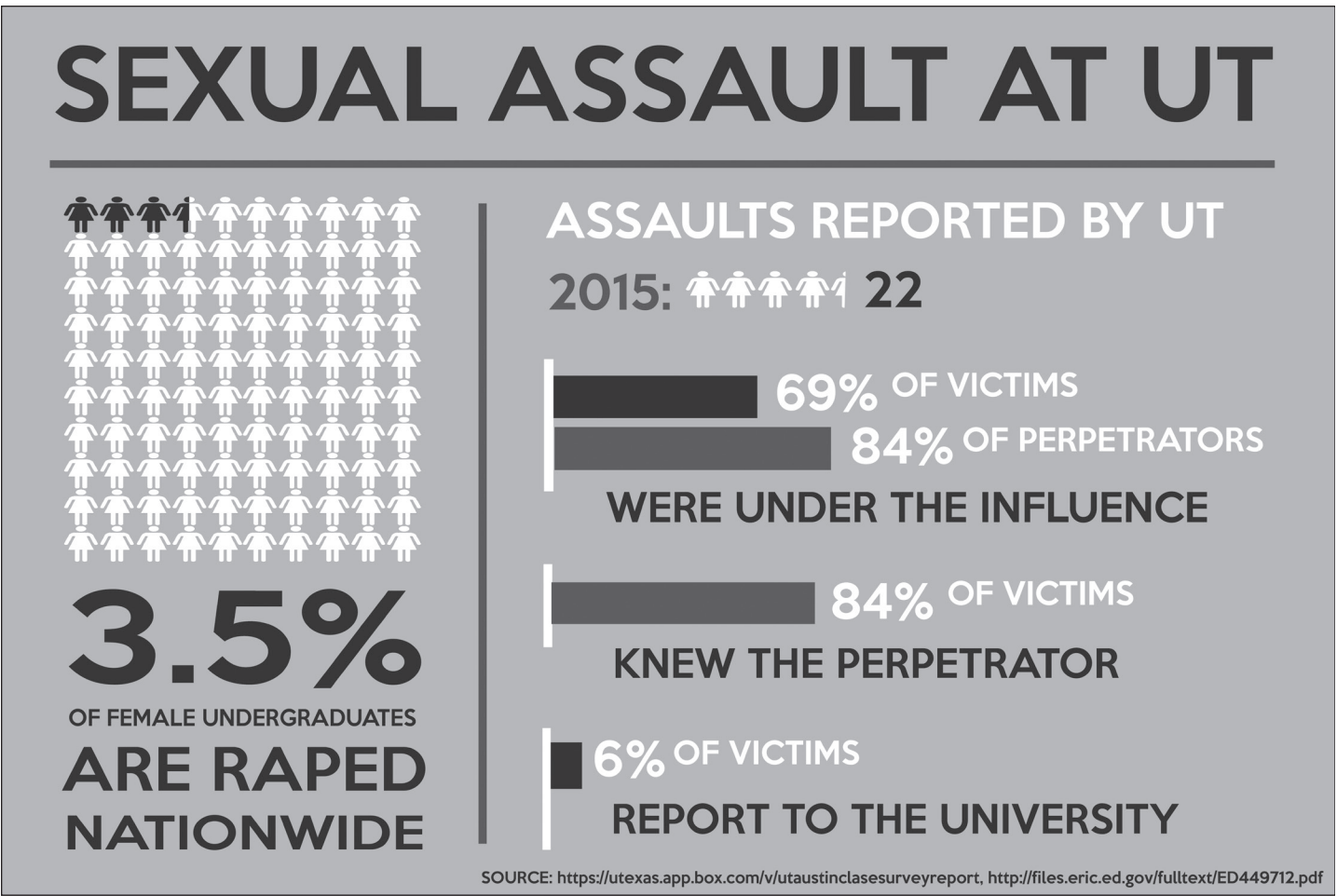
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Last week, President Gregory Fenves released the results of a study on the prevalence of sexual misconduct at the University. In this report, the administration reasserted its commitment to preventing sexual violence among students. However, the University’s response operates within an outdated framework for handling sexual violence and ignores several key factors contributing to its prevalence.

The survey alludes to a disturbing trend of underreporting sexual assault. According to a 2000 study, a conservative estimate says that on average, 2.8 percent of undergraduate women nationwide will be sexually assaulted within a given academic year. Assuming UT conforms to national standards, this means that 875 UT women are sexually assaulted annually. In fact, the survey reports that 15 percent of undergraduate UT women have been raped — approximately 3,750 students. In UT’s most recent report of crime on campus showing data for 2015, the University disclosed a total of 22 reported sexual assaults, hardly 1 percent of the female student body.

Justifications for this inequity begin with the difficulties of reporting rape. Victims of sexual assault often fear the social consequences of coming forward and keep quiet to avoid further trauma. The report indicates that 68 percent of victims at UT said nothing of the assault to anyone, and only 6 percent reported the assault to the University in some way. This data suggests that an overwhelming amount of UT students do not know how or do not feel comfortable reporting an assault to the University.

Problems in underreporting can also be tied to cultural misconceptions about sexual assault. The most common rape myth is that of the “stranger rapist.” While some sexual assaults are perpetrated by strangers, they are in the minority. The UT study found that 84 percent of rapes were committed by an acquaintance or friend. Despite this, the study continued to use wording that perpetuates the myth. By asking to students about their level of comfort “walking across parking lots” or “walking across campus at night,” the study ignores the fact that its own data underwrites



the legitimacy of this mindset. It asked no questions focused on students’ perceived safety while hanging out at a friend’s apartment or attending a fraternity party — where they are objectively in more danger.

This outdated way of looking at the problem of rape is mirrored in many of the school’s response initiatives. Campaigns like Be Safe and SURE Walk overwhelmingly focus on safety when walking alone, where only a small minority of assaults actually occur. This misplaced focus pulls attention from situations that are more likely to pose actual harm but seem innocuous because students have been trained to fear the unlikely stranger in the shadows.

Further complications arise from misunderstandings of consent and sexual

assault when alcohol is involved. Studies have found that as many as half of women who meet the legal criteria for having been sexually assaulted do not consider their experiences rape. The definition of sexual assault often appears hazy, especially with the prevalence of alcohol in questions of consent. However, government sophomore Austin Smith, resident advisor and Voices Against Violence member, credits campaigns advertising consent with increasing bystander intervention. Such campaigns “show survivors that students on campus don’t tolerate assault,” Smith said. Despite notable successes, questions of consent remain difficult to answer when both parties are intoxicated, and the University has yet to express a strong stance that students can use to guide their behavior in

regards to alcohol and consent.

In order to develop an effective means of addressing sexual violence on campus, the University needs to update its worldview. The administration needs to acknowledge that the overwhelming majority of rapes occur off-campus, under the influence of alcohol and at the hands of friends. The myth of the stranger rapist is significantly easier to handle, but the real problem of rape at UT cannot be solved by telling students to use the buddy system when they walk home at night. This approach ignores the reality of the situation and allows difficult questions about university culture to remain unresolved.

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COLUMN

# Congress must stand for principles, not parties

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Last Friday marked the first major denial of Trump’s legislative agenda when moderate and conservative Republicans refused to support the American Health Care Act. This blow to President Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-WI, was largely thanks to Texas members of the House Freedom Caucus refusing to support the bill. Their reason? It did not make proper haste in repealing the Affordable Care Act. While it’s true that the bill also faced opposition from moderate Republicans, the refusal of these Texans to engage with the bill continues to paint a portrait of a divided Republican party — one that has been being divided since they gave the boot to John Boehner in 2015.

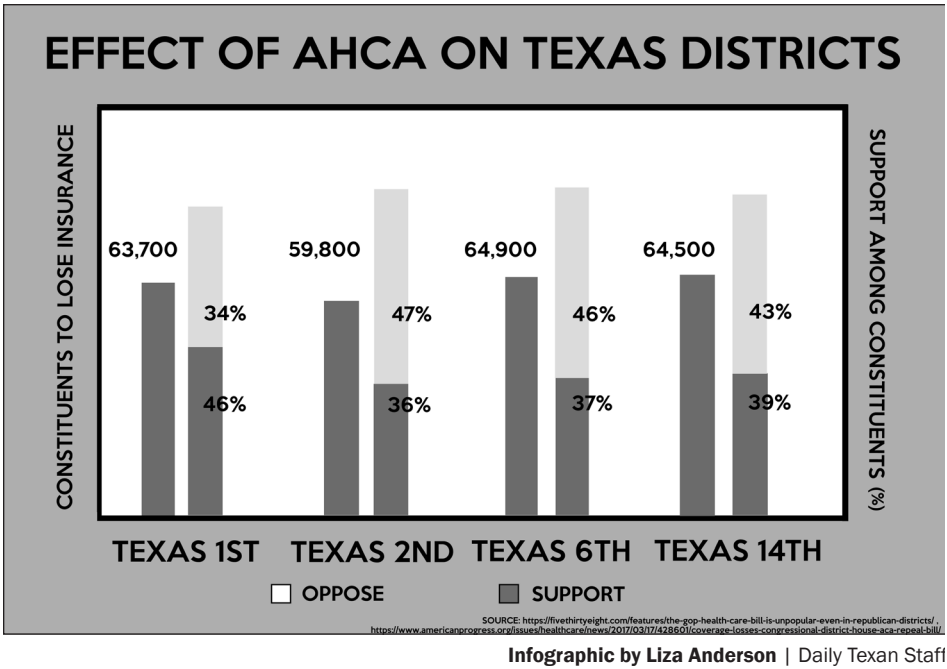
The Texan representatives we’re looking at here are Joe Barton, Louie Gohmert, Randy Weber and until this morning, Ted Poe. I’ll be direct: These U.S. representatives deserve recognition for their refusal to buckle to pressure from Trump on supporting the disastrous AHCA. Whether because it wasn’t far enough right for them, or because the bill would have taken insurance away from 250,000 of their constituents and was supported by just 39.5 percent of their districts, they made a good call on this one. At

the very least, these members acknowledged that their partisanship is stronger than their party’s leadership. At the most, they voted against their party’s interests to vote in favor of the country’s.

I like to think these representatives acted in their electoral self-interest, as each one of the above districts shifted away from their Republican candidate from 2014 to 2016. This could be a sign of a possible “blue wave” in Texas — though it is still hard to believe that these representatives pay that much attention to the electoral trends in their districts. I digress.

Let me be clear: Texans’ support of the House Freedom Caucus ought not to underplay their complete disregard for factual policymaking — Representative Gohmert once claimed that terrorists wanted to come to America to have “terror babies” — in exchange for electoral advantages. Instead, whatever applause we award them, however temporary that kudos may be, ought to be for their refusal to blindly follow the agenda of Ryan and Trump.

Perhaps it will be this disrespect of Trump’s authority — and we know how highly he regards loyalty — that further divides the Republican Party between loyal partisans and the stalwart ideologues of the HFC. The Texans above, in particular, appear to have their own loyalties in mind. Opponents of Trump and supporters of good health care policy can rejoice that



Congress has representatives that don’t enact bad change for the sake of passing bills — that includes both the HFC and those moderates mentioned above.

In the future, we may continue to question the consequences of these hyper-conservative repre-

sentatives that show no deference to the executive branch. At least for now, we should support any elected official who stands by their principles and does not blindly follow their party.

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COLUMN

# Businesses must switch to sustainable packaging

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When it comes to being environmentally friendly, everyone knows those three overused words: reduce, reuse and recycle. This method of environmentalism tends to focus on the individual. It doesn’t acknowledge who hands all this plastic and waste onto us — businesses and large companies.

An individual could do everything right and still not make a dent in the amount of waste companies produce and sell to us on a daily basis. The City of Austin and the surrounding metro area offer recycling services to homes that would like to, but it’s not a requirement. If one household

decides to recycle, but it’s the only one on the block that does so, this effort lacks the momentum to bring any change considering the 258 million tons of waste produced every year.

One obstacle that prevents individuals from recycling across the nation is a lack of facilities that handle recycling waste. In 2014, about 34 percent of the total waste produced was recycled, and only 13 percent of what was recycled was plastic products. These facilities often cost local governments a lot of money and would be less crucial in solving our waste problems if consumers received less plastic to recycle.

While expecting businesses to simply change their production because it’s better for the planet seems unlikely, tax breaks to businesses that do

and increased taxes for those who don’t could be enough of an incentive.

Companies and larger businesses are not the only ones who are responsible for reducing plastic and unnecessary packaging; local business must be as well. Policies, such as the prohibition of the use of plastic bags in grocery stores, are the kinds of ordinances that could reduce waste. Wrapping goods in plastic boxes that will be used for five minutes and then thrown away is unsustainable and every business should do their part in alleviating the widespread problem.

Consumers and the government should put more pressure on producers to use less packaging, and to make it from recycled or compostable materials whenever possible.

If consumers had no other choice but to buy products with less plastic, then less waste would enter our earth’s landfills overall.

Placing pressure on businesses to reduce and recycle does not lessen our responsibility. In order for businesses to use recycled packaging, Americans must actually recycle. On campus, it’s easy to check what products are recyclable and dispose of them correctly. At a university of 50,000 people, making an effort to recycle everything possible keeps a lot of waste out of landfills. We have a lot of the tools needed to recycle responsibly. Now it’s time to focus on reducing our waste as well.

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planner with the RHPT, said the event provided a welcome alternative for members of LGBT communities during RoundUp.

“It’s important to acknowledge that people may not want to participate in RoundUp festivities, because they don’t feel comfortable in the Greek community or don’t want to participate in drinking,” Zukis said. “The event serves as a safe space, where people can feel comfortable, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation or race. To create a place of not just acceptance but awareness.”

Jace Klein, a biology freshman and a member of the GSC’s committee, encouraged students to utilize the GSC and advocacy groups such as Texas Rising to remain active in advancing individual rights.

“The purpose of the SLC is to organize events like this and conduct outreach that promotes the GSC,” Klein said. “We thought a fun and engaging dance event would heighten the GSC’s visibility and emphasize its availability as a resource to empower both



Attendees of Queer Prom dance the night away at Almetris Duren residence hall. Queer Prom was created to promote inclusivity within queer and feminist communities.

Courtesy of Omar Olivarez

queer individuals and women. RHPT-run events are open to anyone from the residence halls, so those who pass through can learn about services and

resources that the University offers for these groups.”

Azmat emphasized employing an event such as this to acknowledge LGBT

individuals and foster dialogue between queer individuals and other groups.

“We’ve seen people looking from their windows

in Duren with confused or annoyed looks on their faces,” Azmat said. “But an event like this humanizes us, by showing that queer people

have the same events straight individuals do. It evinces that we are here, we are queer, and no one can take away our rights.”

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Najmi said. “The easiest way I can think of meeting other physics majors, outside of doing homework together, is coming to SPS meetings and SPS events.”

Apart from the social aspects of the club, Noah Vaughan, SPS vice president and physics and math senior, works closely with underclassmen as a mentor of a first-year interest group and said the club is also an important resource for freshmen.

“Especially for first-year students it’s kind of daunting to come into physics,” Vaughan said. “A lot of them have a big ego and then they come in and take their first classes and feel really broken. It’s kind of neat to have these (meetings) and say, ‘This is what you can do with your degree,’ and see

really amazing stuff that’s not done anywhere else besides UT.”

For physics sophomore Margaret Duncan, an SPS meeting was the springboard for a bigger research opportunity.

“I met the professor that I did research with through SPS,” Duncan said. “It was a speaker who came and gave a talk about his research. I followed up with him after and said, ‘Hey, this was really cool. I want to be you in the future and do this kind of research.’ And that was my foot in the door and I got to start doing work with him.”

Although SPS is a platform for physics majors to socialize and get excited about their degree, meetings are open to other majors looking for career inspiration.

“We’ve had a lot of alumni speakers talk about the industry and their paths after

physics, not necessarily going into grad school but going into other things,” physics and astronomy sophomore Blaire McLeod said. “It touches on a lot of different bases.”

At the end of the day, SPS members bond over more than just their majors. After all, the club also has a history of planning events involving laser tag and group trips to Taco Joint.

“I was freshman representative three years ago, and I’d probably say the most friends I’ve kept from freshman year are all in physics,” McDaniel said.

For some SPS members, the club is more than an extracurricular activity — it’s also a way to encourage a new era of science students.

“I love talking with these students, seeing what they think and getting them excited about it,” Vaughan said.



Editor’s note: Tat-Tuesday is a weekly series that features students around campus and their tattoos. Check out more pictures and stories online.

After sociology junior Matt Thibault left home for college, he began to transition away from his strict Christian upbringing. As he moved away from a religious life, he commemorated the person he used to be with a tattoo.

“It’s the number 1611, the year the King James Bible was established,” Thibault said. “It’s like this is who I was, but now I’m ready for something else.”

For the first 18 years of his life, Thibault was mostly surrounded by people similar to him. He only saw



Sociology junior Matt Thibault has a tattoo of the number 1611, the year of the first publication of the King James Bible.

Karen Pinilla  
Daily Texan Staff

people of the same religion, from the same place, with the same point of view. College presented him with a wide range of new ideas, new religions and new people, so he moved away

from his background. “My family thinks the same way the church thinks,” he said. “And then I was able to grow socially. It was kind of a gateway to the world.”

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



**Rachel Zein** | Daily Texan Staff  
Freshman forward Joyner Holmes attempts a layup against Stanford in the Sweet 16 matchup at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky, on March 24. Holmes finished with 15 points in Texas' 77-66 loss.

Longhorns reflect after Sweet 16 disappointment

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The Longhorns' 2016-17 season reflects a program continuously on the rise. The triumph of beating a dominant Baylor team for the first time in seven years, a 19-game winning streak packed with a pair of wins over top-four opponents and a third consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 all symbolize a team on the verge of reaching great heights. But Texas walked off the court inside Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky, late Friday night with disappointment after losing to Stanford in the Sweet 16. "I just feel this game here, and this feeling here is our motivation for next year," freshman forward Joyner Holmes said. "I think we'll be pretty good next year. We've just got to put the work in over the summer." After reaching the Elite Eight in 2016, the Longhorns knew they were capable of reaching the Final Four this time around — a year-long goal that, although not achieved, will not be left behind with the Sweet 16 departure. "Well, I don't think (expectations) can be any greater (next season) because we expected to go to a Final Four," head coach Karen Aston said. "I mean, that was our goal. And it was a realistic goal. So I don't know that

our expectations will be any different next year. We expect to be challenging for the Big 12 championship. We expect to be a contender." Coming into the season, Texas had to fill the gaps of key players from a 2016 team that finished with a 31-5 record, most notably center Imani Boyette. Boyette departed as one of the most dominant bigs Texas has ever seen, becoming the first player in school history to record 1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 200 blocks in her career. But it quickly became apparent that Holmes, the top recruit from Cedar Hill, and senior center Kelsey Lang were able to take care of business inside for the Longhorns. Lang swatted away a team-high 79 shots on the season, and Holmes led the team in rebounding, averaging 8.2 per game. Her 6-foot-3-inch frame matched with her speed allowed her to grab rebounds and glide down the court to finish on offensive end, earning her Big 12 Freshman of the Year. Texas began its regular season with a gruesome schedule. The wins didn't come at first, but once mid-December hit, the Longhorns found themselves breezing past opponents en route to a 19-game winning streak, the second longest in the country at the time and their best start to conference play in school history. "You're talking about a lot

of young players that got a lot of really valuable experience against quality opponents," Aston said. "They'll learn from it, and they'll be motivated by it." The Longhorns overcame a late-season slump with a comfortable victory over Central Arkansas in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament and a last-second thrilling victory over North Carolina State that advanced them to their third-consecutive Sweet 16. "When you look at the journey this team had ... it was quite a journey," Aston said. "A lot of young players really grew up this year. I'm tremendously excited about the future. Not just because of who we have coming in, but just who we have returning." Texas' three best scorers — Big 12 Player of the Year and junior guard Brooke McCarty, junior guard Ariel Atkins and Holmes — will all hit the court again for Aston next season. Pair those returners with a duo of incoming McDonald's All-Americans and ESPN top-four recruits — Rellah Boothe and Chasity Patterson — and Aston has something special brewing in Austin. "If I knew the answer, I would tell you," Atkins said when asked how the team could get over the hump and make it to the Final Four. "But I'm going to figure it out this summer."

BASEBALL

Texas prepares for second matchup with Islanders

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The Longhorns and Islanders find themselves at opposing ends of fulfillment before they meet at Whataburger Field in Corpus Christi. Texas (17-10) rolls in with the excitement of a weekend series sweep over Kansas State, including back-to-back shutout victories, while Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (9-15) stumbles in with scarring memories of a 15-0 loss to the Longhorns less than a month ago at UFCU Disch-Falk Field. The Islanders can only hope to begin the healing process as they seek revenge against Texas on their home field. But Texas head coach David Pierce doesn't expect his squad to slow down anytime soon. "I just think we're building calluses, and we're actually becoming more and more competitive," Pierce said. "We're pushing the envelope a little bit, but I want us to be aggressive and not be timid. And you're starting to see that more and more." Looking back at the teams' previous meeting on March 8, a 10-run rule was called in the seventh inning after Texas gashed Islander pitchers by scoring 15 runs. Longhorn

batters found the ball for 15 hits, tying their matchup against Texas State on March 21 for the most hits in a game this season. If the Longhorns can replicate the success from their double-digit win against the Islander ball club Tuesday, Pierce should have no worries about having to cultivate an aggressive offense. But the head coach made it clear that the Longhorns' success came primarily as result of remaining focused throughout the entire game, despite having a distinct advantage on the scoreboard. "Throughout the evening we're talking about getting better and improvement as the game is being played," Pierce said after the 15-0 win. "It's not just 'we're up big, so we get to relax.' It's 'We're still concentrating and trying to get better.'" Since their win over Texas A&M-CC, the Longhorns have experienced many ups and downs along the road. Their opening series of conference play against No. 3 Texas Tech resulted in a sweep at the hands of the Red Raiders. However, the Longhorns have bounced back this past weekend with a series sweep of their own over Kansas State. "It's huge," sophomore designated hitter Kody

Clemens said. "We got swept by Texas Tech, and now we're right back in the hunt. We have a long ways to go in conference play still, so being able to get those three wins back is huge for us." Clemens — who hasn't played defense on the field since undergoing Tommy John surgery in 2016 — has been enjoying his view of the Longhorn pitching staff from the dugout. "Our pitching has been unbelievable all season," Clemens said. "Every single game, they've given us the opportunity to win, and we're just letting them do their thing right now." After pitching a complete game shutout against Kansas State on Friday, sophomore Nolan Kingham earned Big 12 Pitcher of the Week honors. The Texas pitching staff looks to build off Kingham's big game heading into Corpus Christi. If the Islanders are hoping for a different outcome this time around, they will have to use their home field to their advantage. The Longhorns have only played 6 of 27 games outside the Disch with a 2-4 record on the road this season. Both teams are set to go head-to-head for the rematch in Whataburger Field at 6:30 p.m.

TRACK

Daniels returns to track dominance

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Sitting on the bleachers on the south side of the Mike A. Myers Stadium, sophomore Teahna Daniels took a deep sigh and raised her finger to point at the opposite end of the track. "It was right there, actually," she said. One year ago, Daniels was coming off a stellar indoor season in which she became the fastest freshman in NCAA history, winning the national championship in the 60 meters. Daniels continued to shine during the outdoor season until the Texas Relays, when she suffered a grade one quadricep strain during the 4x100 meter relay. "I was giving the baton to Courtney (Okolo), and I just felt a pop right here," Daniels said as she gestured to her thigh. "And I just went down. I've been injured a lot in my life, and I've never had a quad injury. So when it happened, I was just like, 'Man, not another one.'" Daniels realized it would be a long, taxing road back to the top. Luckily, she knew she wouldn't have to make the journey alone. Daniels has seven siblings and two parents who support her through everything. Despite being from Florida, Daniels' parents come to every meet and have been present through all of her injuries. This setback was no different. "We just wanted to be there for her and let her know that, considering what happened, it was okay," Daniels' mother Linda Latson said. "With the sport that she's in, you're prone to injury. So we just wanted to reassure her that she has an-

other three years of college to do what she does." When Daniels was eight years old, she raced — and beat — all the boys in her neighborhood in a pair of flip-flops. Latson watched it unfold. "I was just like, 'Teahna, go put some tennis shoes on and do that again,'" Latson said. Daniels did as she was told and won again, this time by a wider margin. "I said, 'Okay, you're going to have to join a track team.'" Daniels' experience in being a part of a family that provides her with ample encouragement has a major impact in her outlook on life off the track. "I've always wanted to uplift the younger generation and try to be a positive influence in my community," Daniels said. "I've been around kids my whole life, so I want to get into something where I can help out." During the indoor season, Daniels won the Big 12 Championship in the 60 meters, qualified for nationals and placed 10th in her event. However, she still feels as though she's holding back. Now in the outdoor season, Daniels has continued her run of dominance, winning her first race at the Victor Lopez Classic last week. Daniels will participate in the Texas Relays this week with her parents in attendance. As for how far she has left to go, coach Tonja Buford-Bailey believes it's up to Daniels. "When you have a catastrophic injury that happens in an event, it's hard to go back and do that exact same thing again," Buford-Bailey said. "But once she gets over that hump she'll be fine."

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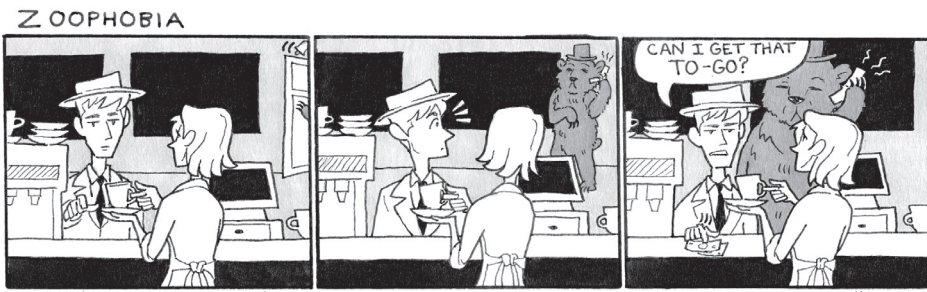
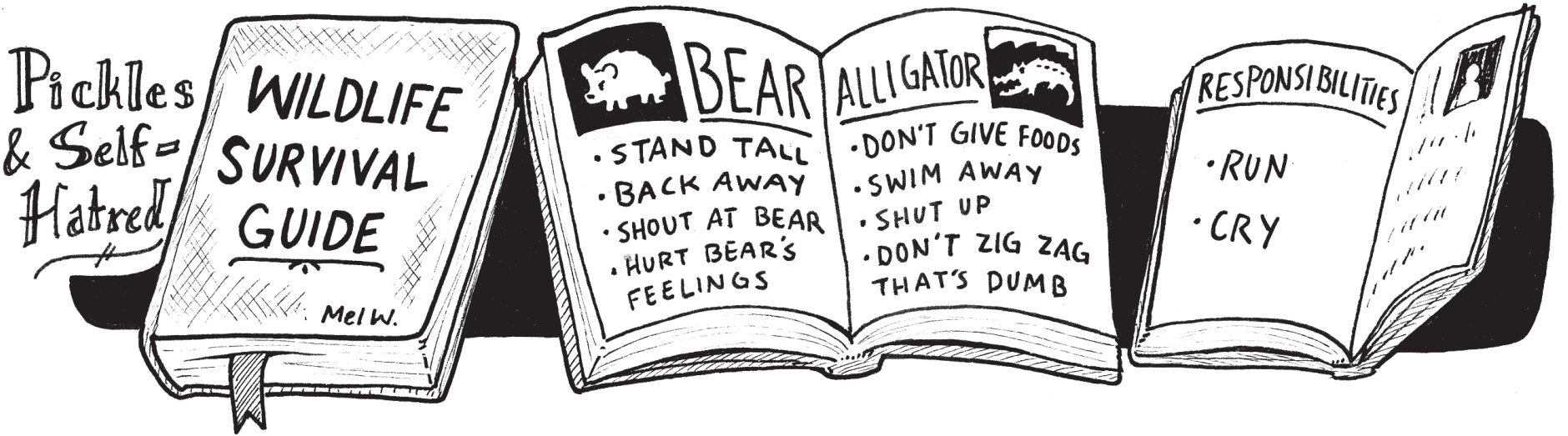
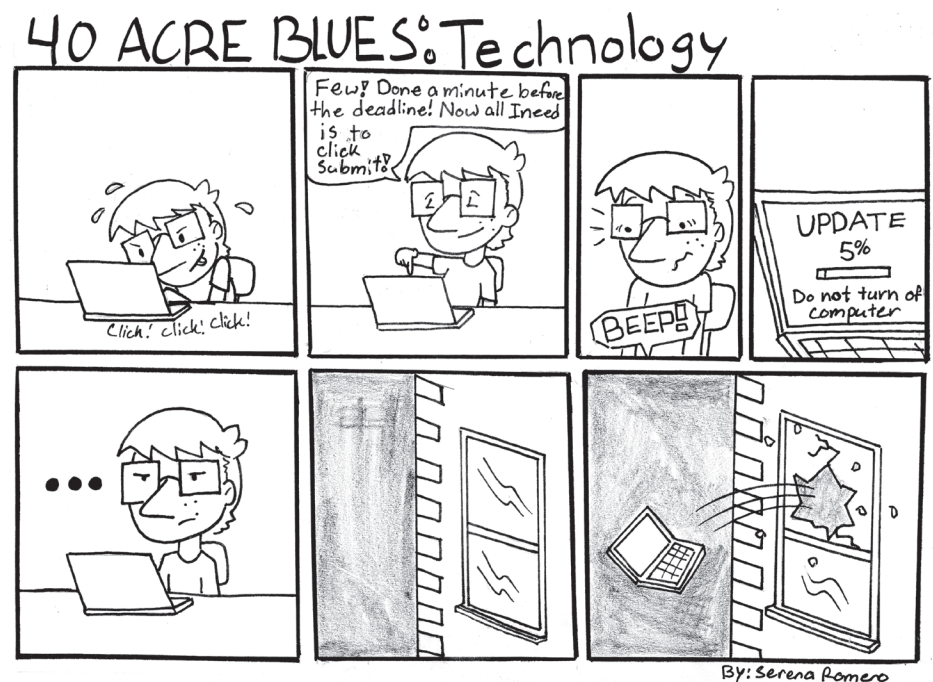
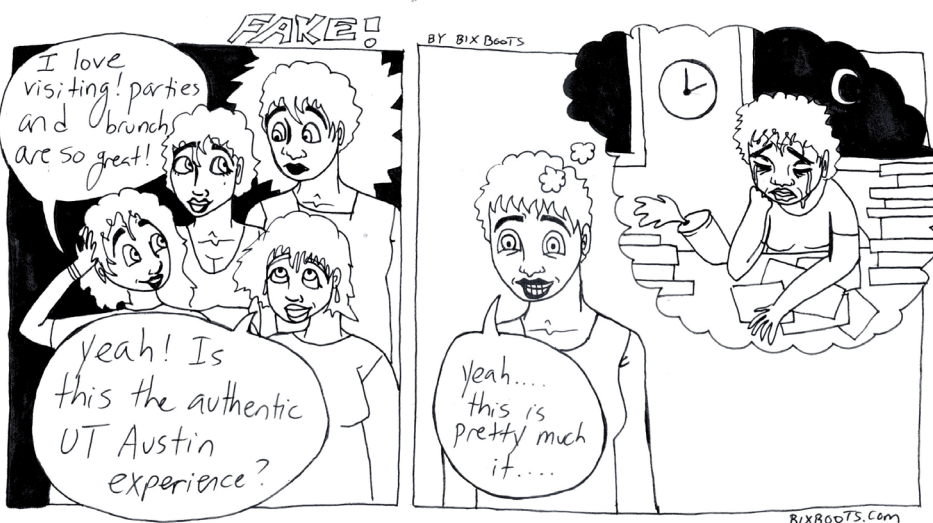
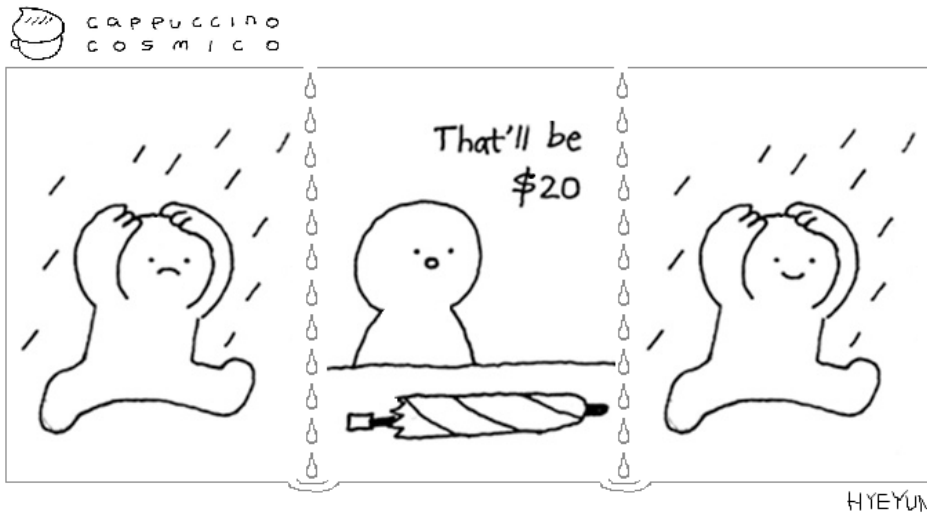
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- 61 Michael Corleone player in "The Godfather"
- 63 Relating to songbirds
- 64 Take care of, as the bill
- 65 Ornamental pond fish
- 66 Trade associations
- 67 Genre
- 68 "www" address
- 69 Exam for an ambitious H.S. student ... or what this puzzle has been?

DOWN

- 1 Opera set in Egypt
- 2 Trail mix
- 3 "Parks and Recreation" star
- 4 "And there it is!"
- 5 "And so on and so forth"
- 6 Generic name for a herding dog
- 7 Congers, e.g.
- 8 Sharable PC file
- 9 Invisible emanations
- 10 Currently
- 11 Organa ("Star Wars" princess)
- 12 Having an open, delicate pattern
- 13 Chests in synagogues
- 19 Ultimatum's end
- 21 Societal troubles
- 25 Barfly
- 26 Explanatory Latin phrase
- 27 Physicist Alessandro, inventor of the electric battery
- 29 Grab a bite
- 31 Nuclear reactor
- 32 Went leisurely downriver, perhaps
- 33 Recasts damaging information in a favorable light, say
- 35 Plane hijacker
- 39 How freelance work is typically done
- 40 Pup : wolf :: fox
- 42 Expert
- 43 Source of healthful fatty acids in a Starkist can
- 44 Exploiter
- 48 Absorbs, as gravy
- 51 5-7-5 verse
- 53 Wordlessly implied
- 54 Batty
- 55 Sickened with sentiment
- 56 Per person
- 58 Garment draped over the shoulders
- 59 Draws to a close
- 60 Be at leisure
- 62 Neither here nor there

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DAWN	STAN	ALOFT
AGRO	ARIA	RAZOR
ROOSEVELT	AMORE	
INTERIM	ORGANDY	
NYE	ROOT	HOSE
HARRISON	HOP	
COMETS	MAS	WORE
OBAMA	DOG	TYLER
PICKS	JOT	ERNEST
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DARN	YELL	PRE
STATION	NIELSEN	
HAMID	CLEVELAND	
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Fashion show features traditional Asian attire

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Instead of big hair, intense eyeshadow and avant-garde clothing, saris, kimonos, ao dais and qi paos will grace the runway. On Wednesday, the Asian American Culture committee of UT's Campus Events and Entertainment will host Mr. + Ms. Runway, a co-ed fashion show in which models will represent their heritages through traditional Asian clothing. Kieu Huynh, communications junior and chair of the committee, said the event differs from past shows because of its unique cultural twist. "It's the first time that we're using traditional clothing as a way to express Asian American culture on campus," Huynh said. "In the past few years, we have had Ms. Asia competitions but never with traditional outfits. The event is put up so that all of the models from different organizations can showcase their heritage." While the first round of the show will feature models in their traditional garb, the second act spotlights modern fashion trends in each represented country. Huynh, who is Vietnamese, said the event will show diversity within UT's Asian community. "We were trying to bring in Southeastern Asia because we never really showcase that (region), and then we just branched out to showcase all Asian cultures," Huynh said. "It's really interesting to see (the models) showcasing all of their different customs." The models' searches for



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Exercise science junior Christy Coe will model for the Mr. + Mrs. Runway fashion show hosted by UT's Campus Events and Entertainment. The pieces are meant to represent the models' heritage through traditional Asian clothing.

clothing were extremely personal experiences, with each looking far and wide to find clothing that is as authentic as possible. Many even imported their gear directly from the country they represent. Exercise science junior Christy Coe chose to model for the event and found her outfit at an unusual place: a local temple. "Part of (my outfit) was already mine," Coe said. "I

used to do Thai pageants, so my outfit is based on outfits you usually see in traditional pageants." Coe said the event allows each model to represent cultures that may not have much visibility on campus otherwise. "The best part about this show to me is the fact that I get to represent my country," Coe said. "I don't feel like Thai culture is really represented on this

campus. I don't even know one other Thai person. It's nice to show other people our culture because people tend to categorize us as one thing. It's all 'Asian' and not a specific country." Trieu Tran, Asian American studies junior and member of the committee, will represent Vietnam as a model in the show. Tran said the event gave her a chance to do something she never thought she

would before. "Because I am a petite person, I never really thought about modeling, so this is a good opportunity to just have fun and represent my country," Tran said. "My outfit was made in Vietnam. My mom got me the outfit, so it means a lot." Despite the glamour, the show remains dedicated to showing the importance of diversity on campus. While

the event will be light-hearted and fun, Tran said the show will also seek to educate its attendees. "There are so many different cultures and traditions," Tran said. "Each country is so different from the other, and most people don't get to see that. There are smaller countries that people don't even really know about and are often misrepresented. It will be a learning experience."

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Decades-old organization encourages physics majors

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Physics students at UT have a lot of potential — when they're not referring to energy in their school work, they're bringing it to club meetings. UT's Society of Physics Students has been around since the '70s but has never been more committed to helping science, technology, engineering and math students explore the possibilities of their degree. Members of SPS help each other find research opportunities, succeed in classes and set goals beyond their diploma. "We assist people with their vocation, not just academics," said Jack McDaniel, physics senior and president of SPS. "We try and guide people and help them realize if they don't want



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Society of Physics, established in the 1970s, unites science majors with socializing and networking opportunities.

to go to physics grad school that they don't have to go, they have a lot of options open with their physics degree." Socializing isn't rocket science for members of SPS. According to physics and computer engineering senior Saad Najmi, the club is a great platform for physics students to mingle. "It also creates a sense of a physics community,"

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Queer Prom promotes inclusivity

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Someone approaching the Almetris Duren Residence Hall entrance Saturday night would be surprised by the contrast between those entering Duren and those leaving. Those that left were attired in neon dress and sports jerseys; those that entered were garbed in prom suits and dresses. The Residence Hall Programming Team and the Gender and Sexuality Center coordinated to organize Queer Prom, a dance event that sought to bring queer individuals, people of color and women together in an inclusive environment while also promoting on-campus queer and feminist

student organizations. Saarem Azmat, an English literature and mathematics freshman, a member of the GSC's Student Leadership Committee and an event planner with the RHPT, said this event gave some students a second chance at prom who may not have felt comfortable coming out in high school. "A lot of students during high school couldn't go to prom with the person of their choice, either because of cultural norms or internalized anxiety," Azmat said. "This event provides students the opportunity to have the prom they never really got." Zachary Markizer, a public health freshman and a member of the GSC's committee, said

hosting events such as Queer Prom is important because of their ability to encourage members of the LGBT community to accept themselves and provide them with an environment in which they can interact with like-minded individuals. "Coming from a small Texas town, I felt uncomfortable expressing myself and attending school dances," Markizer said. "The event aims to encourage people across the spectrum to celebrate what makes them unique in a judgment-free setting. People from all walks of life got to come together to feel accepted, feel loved and have a great time." Katerina Zukis, a marketing sophomore and an event

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